

FORM PTO-1390 MODIFIED	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>3816-62</b>
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <b>10/500309</b> <i>To be assigned</i>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP02/14893</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>27 December 2002</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>28 December 2001</b>	
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>REDUCED-WEAR SEALING ELEMENT</b>			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>PRATESI, S. et al.</b>			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</li> <li>A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (25 pages specification, claims &amp; abstract (18 claims), 6 sheets drawings).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto (      pages specification, claims &amp; abstract (      claims),      sheets drawings,      page Certificate of Translation).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has <b>NOT</b> expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration was submitted to the International Bureau during International Phase (see copies of Declaration (Form PCT/RO/101 and Form PCT/IB/371 and first page of printed publication acknowledging receipt thereof attached).      page</li> </ol> </li> <li>See item 6.b. above.</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information. International Search Report and PTO Form 1449</li> </ul>			

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)) <b>To be assigned</b>		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP02/14893</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>3816-62</b>	
<b>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</b> <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) nor international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1080.00</li> <li>-- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$920.00</li> <li>-- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$770.00</li> <li>-- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$730.00</li> <li>-- International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00</li> </ul>					
<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>					
<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>					
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)). 					
<b>\$      920.00</b>					
<b>\$      130.00</b>					
<b>CLAIMS</b> <b>NUMBER FILED</b> <b>NUMBER EXTRA</b> <b>RATE</b>					
Total Claims	19	minus 20 =	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	minus 3 =	0	X \$86.00	\$ 0.00
<b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)</b>			\$290.00		\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)					
<b>\$      0.00</b>					
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b> <b>\$      1050.00</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. <b>0.00</b>					
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b> <b>\$      1050.00</b>					
Processing fee of \$130.00, for furnishing the English Translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)). <b>+      0.00</b>					
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b> <b>\$      1050.00</b>					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property <b>+      \$ 0.00</b>					
Fee for Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application (\$1330.00 - Small Entity = \$665.00) <b>\$ 0.00</b>					
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b> <b>\$      1050.00</b>					
Amount to be: <b>refunded</b> <b>\$</b> <b>Charged</b> <b>\$</b>					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 14-1140 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.					
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The entire content of International Application No. PCT/EP02/14893 and any U.S. and foreign application(s) corresponding thereto, and IT MI2001A002826, referred to in this application is/are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.					
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>					
<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b> Direct all correspondence to:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Number:		<b>23117</b>		Place Customer Number Bar Label Here → <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	
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